

Senate Committee: Education and Employment

**QUESTION ON NOTICE
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Involvement with ACPET

Question

Senator CAMERON: What involvement will the department have with ACPET on this incident?

Dr Banerjee: The department talks every week with ACPET about the administration of the scheme, particularly given the changes that are underway in VET FEE-HELP and with the start of the new VET Student Loans. We correspond very closely with them in terms of how the processes are followed in terms of placing students into new courses and, should it be required, providing a fee assurance for them.

Senator CAMERON: Can you tell me exactly how much funding was provided to MHM from— CHAIR: Maybe from the day it was assessed to be eligible to receive VET FEE-HELP would be good.

Senator CAMERON: From 28 February 2015.

Dr Banerjee: I will take that on notice, Senator.

Answer

Since 19 June 2009, when MHM Australasia Pty Ltd's (MHM) approval and ability to offer VET FEE-HELP took effect, the Department of Education and Training has paid MHM \$78.26 million. This includes a total of \$22.68 million paid for VET FEE-HELP loans incurred in 2015 and 2016. Reported student liabilities for 2015 and 2016 totalled \$14.87 million. The department has invoiced the difference.